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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Sir

Applicants provide the following election in response to the Office Action Restriction Requirement (herein the "Office Action") dated September 22, 2005, in the above-captioned application, which set forth restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to purportedly distinct inventions. Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-6, 16, and 17), drawn to a method of proliferating differentiated cells with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to non-elected subject matter.